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Title: Need to develop the Cuddalore port in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. ALAGIRI (CUDDALORE): My parliamentary constituency Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu is a fast growing industrial city in Southern India located South of Pondicherry on the coast of Bay of Bengal. There are several crushing mills in the vicinity of the port and Sugar factories are also located at Nellikuppam, Pennadam and Mundiampakkam near Cuddalore. The southern Railway metre gauge main lines from Chennai to Rameshwaram passes through Cuddalore junction. There is also a direct metre gauge Railway link between Hospet-Bellary area via Ranigunta, Arakkonam, Chengalpattu and Villupuram. The Cuddalore port is well connected by roads. Cuddalore is known for its Silver Beach. It is the place of confluence of three rivers namely Pennaiyar river, Kedilam and Paravanar. The Gedilam river flows through the town and separates the old town from the new one. There are Thermal Power Plant, fertilizers plant, one chemical project and ship building project is also coming up in the region. The port of Cuddalore is required to be developed to serve the increasing demands of shipment and cargo facilities on the pattern of joint venture. There are 3 R.C.C. cargo sheds each with plinth area of 720 sq. mts. available. The two available Transits sheds each of 293 sq. mts. Plinth area are not enough to meet the increasing demand of cargo facilities.

I would like to request to develop the Cuddalore port with state of the art technology to fulfill and meet the demands of the industrial activities of the Southern India.